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Hog Wash is an ongoing series. This is book nineteen which means, follow me now, there were eighteen before it. Currently, photos and stories are going into book thirty-five. So, there will be a bunch of books and I probably won't be around long enough to publish all of them whatever all of them turns out to be. I've slowed down a bit on the stories due to time.

Full resolution photos used in this book can be found at davidseibold.us.

Disclaimer: Almost none of the stories in this book are true. Every once in awhile, I'll slip up and include something that is true, but, I would take everything with a grain of salt. As you read this book, keep in mind that I have made an attempt to include something for everyone. Some folks are always looking for errors. So, if you find any, please remember that they are there for a reason.

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Buddies (p)



Woody the cat: "Those are rocks!" Marley the dog: "What do you do with them? Eat 'em?" Woody the cat: "Only if you really like prune juice!"

Bakersfield, California 2010

Simple Pleasure



There is nothing Deke and Zeke love doing more than watching the Moon slip across the sky. Well, except, maybe, watching cats catch mockingbirds.

Bakersfield, California 2016



One way to avoid driving is to take the foot ferry. Of course, once on the other side of the bay, it's kind of difficult to do anything with just feet. I'm not sure what they do with the rest of the body!

Port Orchard, Washington 2016

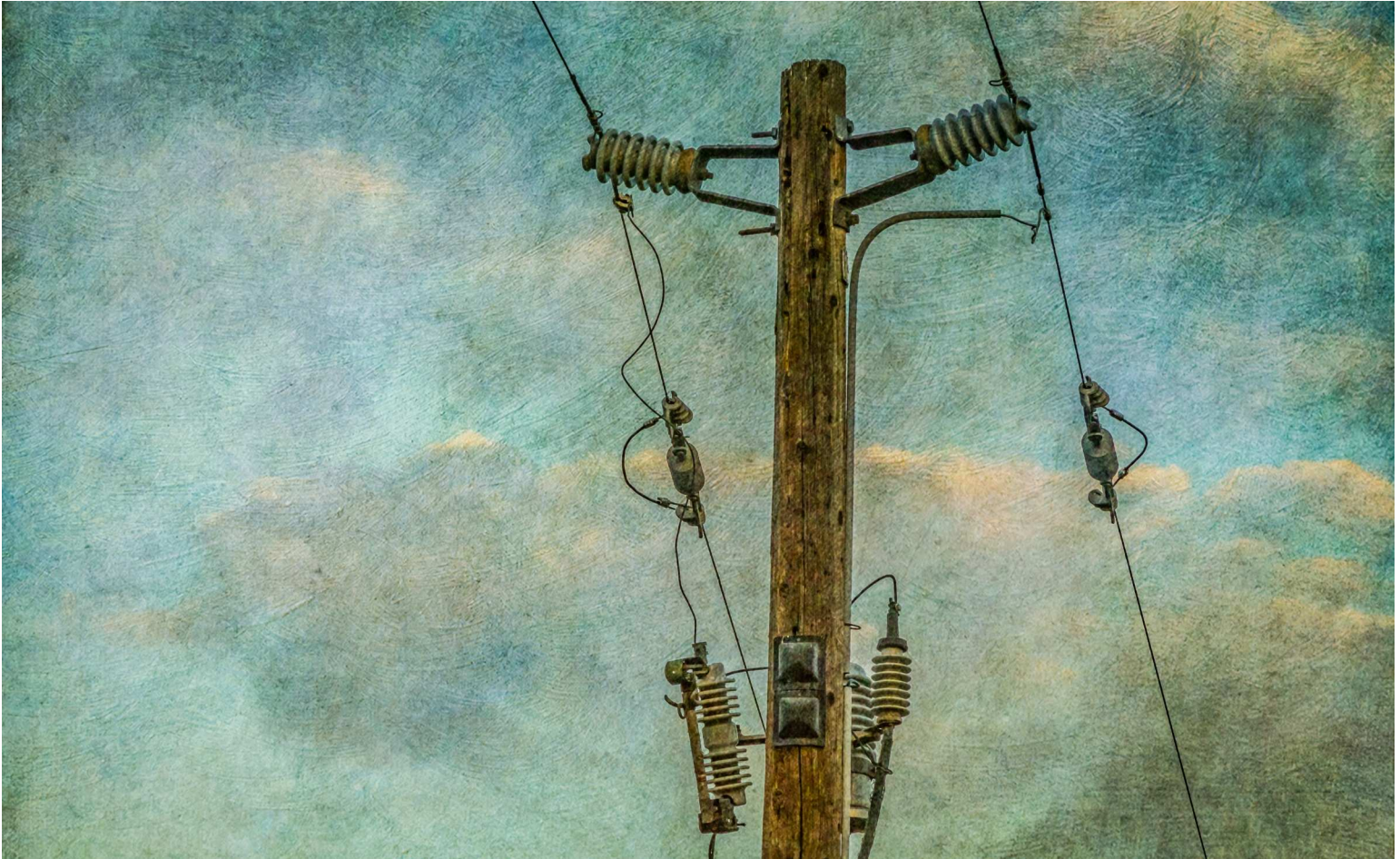
Getting Closer (t)



Shouldn't be long before this treat is readily available for us. Getting tired of flying to get a cup of ice cream.

Poulsbo, Washington 2016

Dream (t)



Ervin the Power Pole is looking forward to retirement. He's been holding his arms out for over 40 years. He's tired. His skin is dry and cracking. His back is out of whack from years of wind. It will be nice to just lie down once in awhile.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Sticky Situations (p)



Here's the problem with seasonal homes, spiders! Leave for a few months and the critters move in. Most of them aren't too bad. Actually, good eating. But, some of them are downright nasty. Spencer the Sparrow woke up one morning completely encased in a web. Fortunately, the spider was trying to bite him on the beak and his buddy, William, showed up to get him out of the web.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Strawberry Moon



Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dumb concocted a seasonal blend of whiskey in celebration of the Strawberry Moon. They figured they wouldn't be alive in another 70 years, so, they wanted to enjoy the current display. Well, they outdid themselves with a once-in-a-lifetime blend.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Appearance Anticipation



Mylo the Dove: "I'm telling you, I saw naked sparrows here yesterday. Let's just wait a little longer!"

Bakersfield, California 2016

Momentarily Doubtful (p)



Willy the Windsock was feeling really down. He noticed light breezes didn't fully inflate him any more. It was making him doubt his windsockhood. Fortunately, Willy's buddy, T. Rouser Snake, introduced Willy to Vi Agra and she showed Willy he could fully inflate again. Willy feels like a brand new pump-action shotgun!

Tacoma Narrows Bridges, Washington 2016

Last Thought (t)



Aqua P. Hobia knew he shouldn't have taken the ferry. He should have driven the extra hour and a half to avoid the ferry like he always has in the past. But, the pressure to spend that extra time with his girlfriend was just too enticing. Aqua will regret his decision the rest of his life; about 30 seconds more!

Edmonds-Kingston Ferry, Washington 2016



At least once a month, beavers come into town from all around the area to get some grooming, shopping and eating. Lots of the ladies hit the Webbed Toe Salon where they can sip wine and get webacures. Most of the guys sit around at the Beaver Inn waiting for the ladies. Probably 50% of the couples go to the Chipped Bark Cafe to catch a little dinner before heading out of town.

Bellingham, Washington 2016



Harry "Dick" Tracy was one of the last desperados in the state. He'd been jailed twice and broke out twice. During the last breakout, Harry and his accomplice, killed three guards. Shortly after, Harry killed his accomplice. Shortly after, Harry killed himself. He'd been shot and surrounded and didn't want to go back to prison. The one thing Harry never got to steal was the Anacortes sign.

The above story is fictitious. Harry did steal the sign, but, later returned it for some unknown reason.

Anacortes, Washington 2016

Easy Pickings (t)



A sheltered, peaceful harbor. Exactly the kind of location Kyle the Kraken loves. Easy pickings! It will take months before the locals figure out why their neighbors are disappearing and by then, Kyle will have moved to the next harbor. Kyle loves the Pacific Northwest!

Anacortes, Washington 2016

Sneaking Around (t)



There was no indication that a submarine was in the area when three torpedoes breached Crandall Spit severing it into two pieces. Turns out, Sneaky Simon mounted two boats to the top of his sub which gave an appearance of just two boats sailing along in the bay. After the attack, Simon submerged the sub, released the two boats and returned to his home for a beer. He could scratch another one off his "sneaky things to do" bucket list.

Climb and Slap



Lex and his boys play a little game called Climb and Slap. They climb the bridge, position themselves over the sign, drop straight down about 15 feet and try to slap a sticker on the sign as they go by. There have been 342 attempts to date. They've been doing this for ten years. The healing takes longer the older they get!

Deception Pass, Washington 2016

Bumpers (t)



Jacques La Flipper started designing games out of sheer boredom. One he came up with was River Pinball. Boats were sent down the river using a spring launcher. Pilots were not allowed to steer the boats in any manner other than having the crew run from side to side to redistribute weight. The object was to enter the locks separating sea water and fresh water while the gate was open. The sailors thought it was great fun. Management was not happy.

Ballard, Washington 2016

761 MPH At Sea Level (t)



Will yelled as he took off, "Meet you at Sonic!" Ben looked at his hang glider and thought to himself, "There's no way I'm getting to Mach 1 in this thing!"

Ballard, Washington 2016

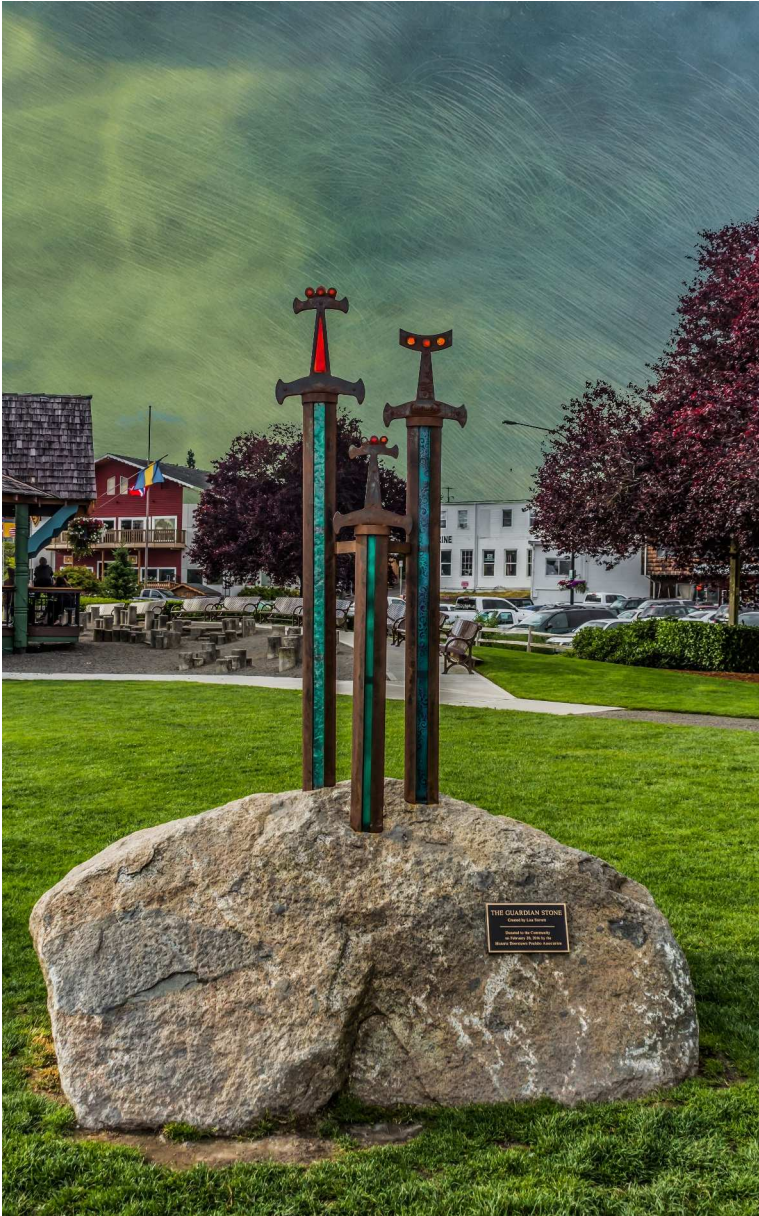
Read The Fine Print (t)



Alex was really excited. He had never heard the band, Denim, before. He couldn't wait for the show.

Ballard, Washington 2016

Joined (t)



Calesvol, Kaledvoulc'h and Caliburnus were inseparable. They went everywhere with each other which was a little cumbersome at times since the rock had to tag along also.

Poulsbo, Washington 2016



Apork A. Lypse is a slippery dude. He grew up in carnivals and fairs where his parents always entered him in the greased pig competitions. He learned to run, wiggle and squeal! Apork eventually grew tired of the frantic pace with his bacon always on the line and opened a brewery where he could relax. Now, he just tosses back a few and takes life easy.

Poulsbo, Washington 2016

More Training Needed (t)



Jim got to drive the engine. Once.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Jot It Down (t) (p)



Fast Freddi the Number Cruncher sits here all day writing down numbers on the train cars that pass through the loop. It's quite a mental skill, especially, from this distance. However, Freddi has a pair of binoculars embedded in his skull that allow him to see perfectly. I won't go into the particulars about the binoculars, but, it involved getting caught watching Mrs. Baboomba's bedroom window when Freddi was a teenager.

Tehachapi Loop, Kern County, California 2016

Space Encroachment (t)



Bernie the Bladder Pod has started feeling a little anxious lately. He's noticed the poppies and rocks seem to be moving up the hill toward him. Bernie doesn't have anything against poppies and rocks, but, he doesn't like to be crowded. He likes his space.

Bena Road, Kern County, California 2016

Lonesome Job (t)



"Do you know how boring it is to be a barbed wire fence? Billy Bob Whackhammer put me here thirty years ago to keep Twig the Tree from running off. I mean, where's a tree gonna go? Oh sure, Twig slips out once in a while to get a snort at Ethel's Low-Hanging Branch Saloon, but, he always stumbles back before daybreak. Of course, every so often, Billy Bob hangs a dead coyote on me! That's exciting for about a day, but, holy crap, talk about stink! Any way, most of the time, it is really boring around here!"

Bena Road, Kern County, California 2016

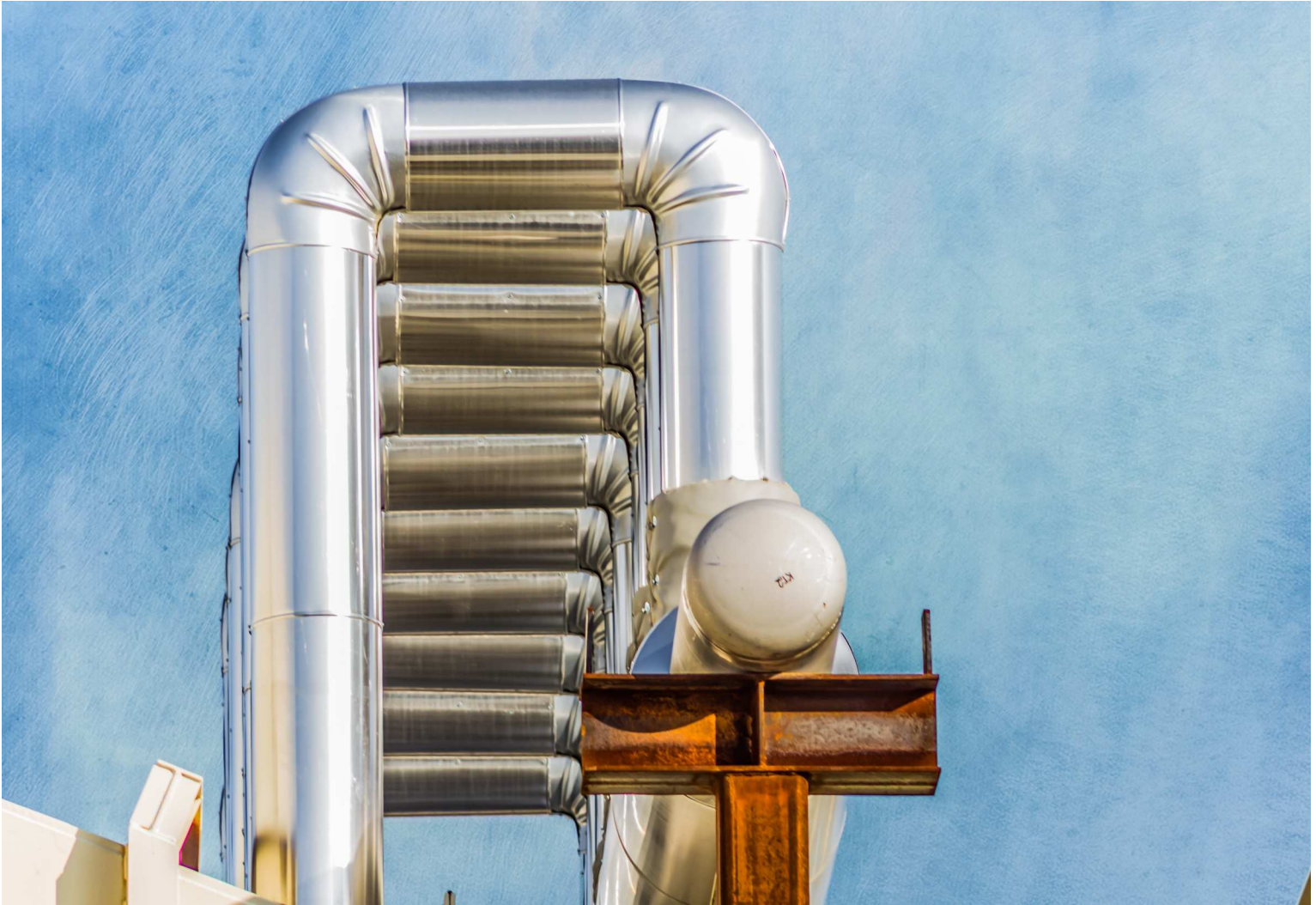
Take A Number (t)



All it took was one complaint and then business continued as usual.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Any Day Now (t)



Billy Joe Bob finally got his condenser coils hooked up for his beer cooler. There's going to be one heck of a party in the near future.

Bakersfield, California 2015

Work Together (t)



Godzilla stops here to pee. He uses the wind sock as a funnel. Local folks were complaining about getting sprayed. Now, they collect God's urine and make beer out of it. Innovative!

Bakersfield, California 2015

Suffocate (t) (p)



It was the strangest feeling. The air couldn't seem to catch its breath. It was like something was sucking the oxygen out of the atmosphere!

Redding, California 2015

Bring Out Your Dead (t)



Some folks don't like living next to a cemetery. They think it's kind of creepy. Maxwell, however, loves it. It gives him the perfect location to dispose of those people he has no use for, in particular, politicians!

Marblehead, Massachusetts 2014

Drop It Here (p)



Spade McSoil has a mountain of dirt he wants to move to build a sports arena. There's only one really good spot to place that dirt. Boat owners are really going to be upset!

Salem, Massachusetts 2014

Real Deal (t)



Sideswipe's buddy, Ironhide, suggested they have a night out with some real transformers. Holy crap! What an electrifying night!

Essex County, Massachusetts 2014

Dropped (t)



Many years ago, like more than fifty, there was a huge oak tree that used to drop humongous acorns. The acorns were so big, animals and humans didn't bother messing with them. Then stuff happened and the acorns became petrified and now they lie around looking like rocks and nothing messes with with.

One Of These Days, Boy (t)



Gully The Washer has been trying for years to get on the other side of the road. He's seen animals, birds, even chickens make it to the other side. Maybe one of those polar cap things will melt.

Tulare County, California 2014

Gripe (t)



Bogey the Shadow doesn't like rocks. They make his shape do funny things and ,sometimes, rocks are really hot which warps his form even more! Bogey thinks rocks should be outlawed!

Tulare County, California 2014

Suck It Up (t)



Maryanne and her friends are parasites. They glom on to trees and suck the water and nutrients out. Most of the time, they just kill the branch they are attached to, but, when they get greedy, they will kill an entire tree because that's how parasites roll!

Blue Mountain Road, Tulare County, California 2014

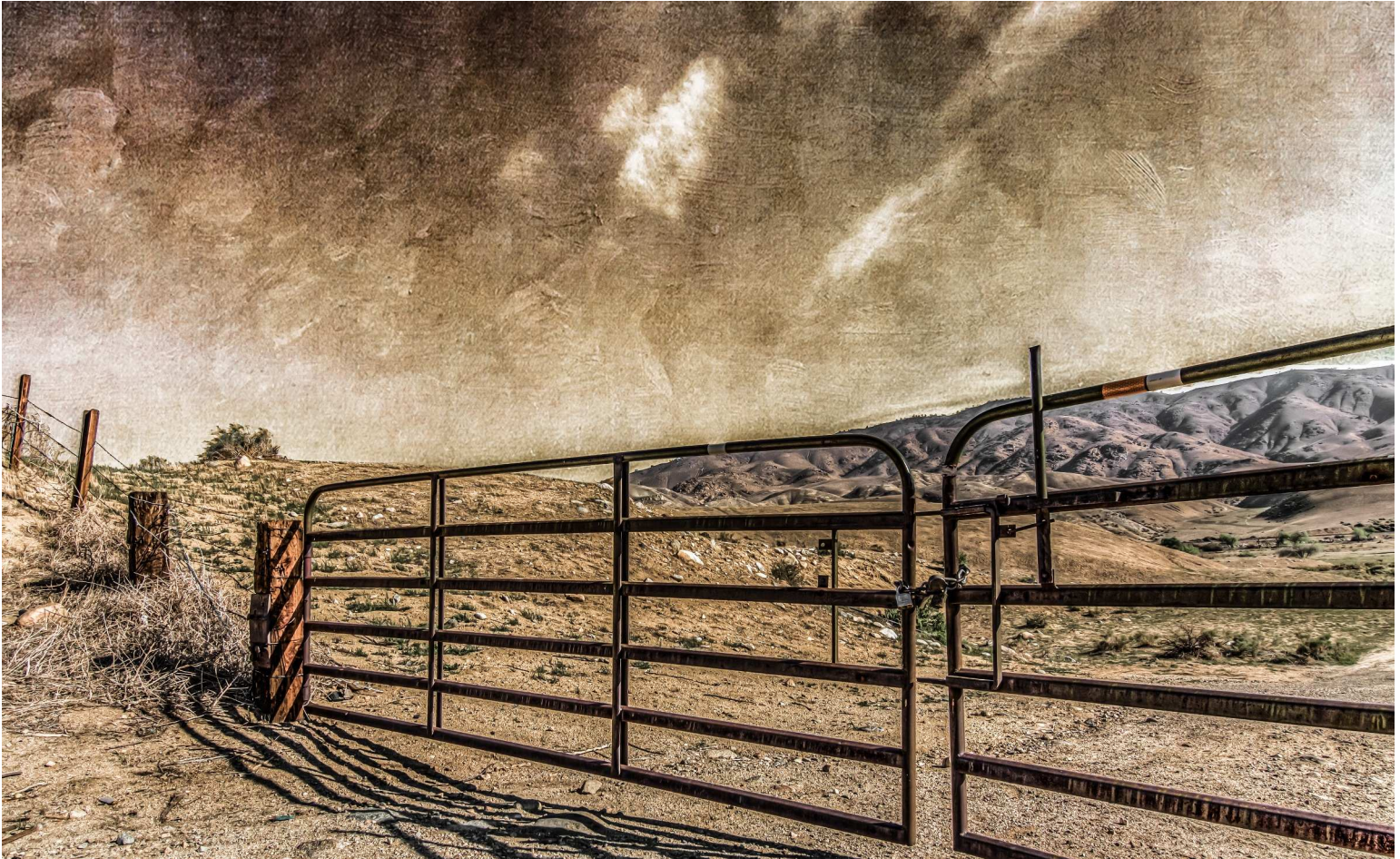
Species Of Concern (t)



Reginald, the Relictual Slender Salamander, has to stay underground for months at a time. He gets pretty tired of eating dirt. Reginald fell in the river years ago and wound up in the hot valley which doesn't allow him to be active much of the year. Reginald didn't actually fall in the river. His best bud, Roger, was horsing around and accidentally pushed Reginald. Reginald would really like to return the favor sometime.

Kern River, Kern County, California 2014

Breach (t)



Ranchers Todd and Lucian did everything they could to keep the pesky insects out of their domain. But, somehow, the little buggers were getting in. Finally, after a thorough investigation, a small breach was found in the gateway above the main lockout devices. Repairs have been scheduled and, hopefully, that will resolve the issue.

Bena Road, Kern County, California 2014

Ingenuity



It took a little bit of time and effort, but, Timothy is sure it will be worth it. He now has a direct connection to the brewery and his refrigerator via pipelines. There should not be an issue with running out of beer during his parties!

Coalinga, California 2014

Not Your Ordinary Gun Fight



This is where the Kern County gunfight at the KO Corral took place in 1883. That day, Virgin Burp, Morass Burp, Whyne Burp and Drydock Hollandaise threw it out with Pike Cantankerous. Pike won that day because Virgin, Morass, Whyne and Drydock were horrible gun throwers. In fact, they couldn't hit the broadside of a barn from 10 feet. On the other hand, Pike could bean a cow from 100 feet. After the fight, they all retrieved their guns and declared Pike a better gun thrower and went to the bar for some whiskey.

Bakersfield, California 2014

Saw Them



Elmer comes to this location every week to look for salmon. Elmer swears he saw salmon at this spot last year right after the all night whiskey tasting session he had with Fritz. No one has told Elmer there are no waterways to the ocean and, thus, no way the salmon could get here. Unless they took Uber that is!

Bakersfield, California 2014

Legally Obtained



The policeman talked to the stake. The stake said he had captured the tree while it was in season and he wasn't going to give it up. The policeman checked the stake's hunting license and residency. Everything was in order. The tree was not happy at all!

Bakersfield, California 2014

Get A Banana (t)



Ditzzy couldn't believe it. She was new in town and all she wanted to do was go to the grocery store and couldn't find directions. What kind of town is this?

Bakersfield, California 2014

The Horror Of It All (t) (B/W)



Seemore Kreldead just opened a shop in town with his wife, Audrey. He was starting over after a debacle in New York City involving a flower shop and a persistent alien posing as a plant, Audrey II. Seemore decided to deal in knickknacks and antiques versus plants. He thought it might be safer; for everyone.

Bakersfield, California 2014

Apparition (t)



Roscoe slammed on the brakes. It was like the signs appeared out of nowhere. Roscoe thought he had been attentive because he knew there was heavy equipment crossing in this area. He couldn't believe he didn't see the signs. Then his partner reached over and peeled the stickers off the windshield!

San Ardo, California 2014

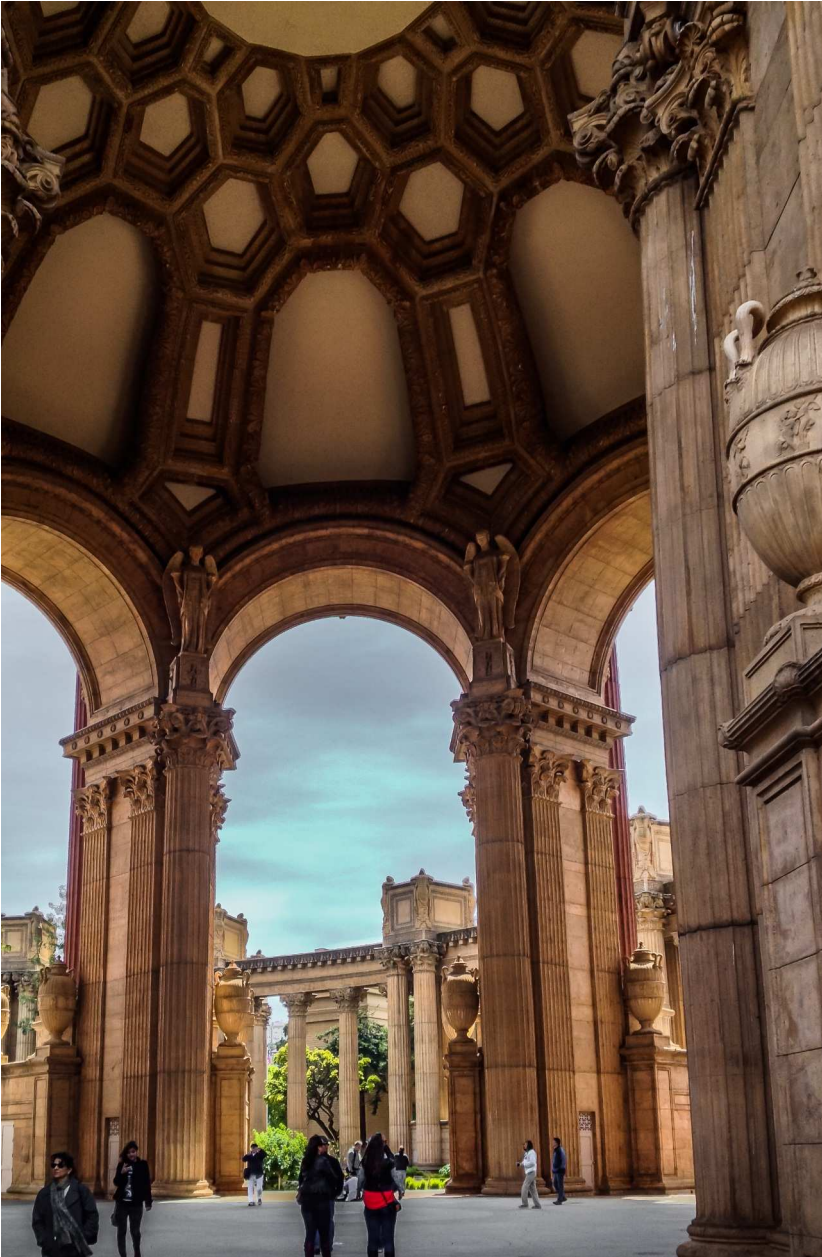
Slight Misunderstanding (t)



Harriet had agreed to let Lextor put up a few outbuildings around the house. She had no idea Lextor was planning to install a cogeneration facility to supplement their electrical use. Lextor is going to own Harriet a new dining room set!

San Ardo, California 2014

This Will Do



Jenny was looking for a new home with vaulted ceilings and an open air feeling. This would be perfect if she could figure out how to keep strangers from traipsing through her living room!

San Francisco, California 2014

Evening At The Beach (t)



Every evening about sundown, rocks start emerging from the ocean to line the beach! They sit around all night telling stories and watching videos of the day's events. Today, Chip Rock got some great footage of Chomper the Great White munching on a surfer.

El Porto Beach, Manhattan Beach, California 2013

A photograph of a person with dark hair, seen from the chest up, holding a camera to their eye and taking a picture. The person is wearing a dark jacket. The background is slightly out of focus, showing a light-colored wall and a dark car. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a white rectangular box containing the text 'DRESS CODE' in large, bold, black letters, followed by a list of five rules in bold black text.

DRESS CODE

- NO Facial Tattoos
- NO Overly Baggy Clothes
- NO Doorags/Bandanas
- NO Gang Affiliated Colors
- NO Seibolds

Bakersfield, California 2016

Not My Wicket (t) (B/W)



Once a year, the trees come down from the hills to participate in 9-wicket croquet. The local squirrels bring acorns to be used as balls. The trees divide into 1,323 teams, so, you can imagine there is a little bit of confusion concerning which acorns belong to which team. It takes 362 days to play a game. The trees play a lot of croquet.

Tulare County, California 2014

Hope (t)



The fences around here love it when they catch a motorized vehicle between them. The fences slowly creep up on the vehicle and encircle it. It takes a long time, like, maybe 100,000 years, so, the fences aren't really sure whether their strategy works or not since none of them have been around that long. But, they are hopeful!

Tulare County, California 2014

AFTERMATH

Shari and I are really enjoying living in Washington State, USA. We have been here for over three years of now. Ivy and blackberries around our place have been replaced by wildflowers!

We had almost 7 inches of rain in one day on December 20, 2019. That's more than the average annual rainfall for our previous residence, Bakersfield, California.

If you are so inclined, hi-res versions of the photos included in the book are available at davidseibold.us.

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